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SUBJECT:DETENTION OF AMCIT

REF: STATE 13805, MOSCOW 18152, MOSCOW 18222

1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED LEN LINDSAY WHO REPORTS BEING
TAKEN OFF MOSCOW-HELSINKI TRAIN AT VYBORG NOVEMBER 24.
HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN HELD FOR 24 HOURS AND DESPITE
REPEATED REQUESTS BY HIM TO BE PERMITTED TO CONTACT
US CONSULAR OFFICIALS HE WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO.
AS LINDSAY RELATES THIS INCIDENT IT WAS A CLEAR
VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 12 PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE US-USSR
CONSULAR CONVENTION: QUOTE THE RECEIVING STATE SHALL
IN NO WAY RESTRICT THE ACCESS OF NATIONALS OF THE SEND-
ING STATE TO ITS CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. UNQUOTE.
EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE, DEPARTMENT FEELS EMBASSY
SHOULD RAISE CASE WITH SOVIET MFA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

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DEPARTMENT PLANS TO TAKE CASE UP WITH SOVIET EMBASSY

THIS WEEK.

2. IN LETTERS (COPIES BEING POUCHED) TO SENATORS MONDALE, PROXMIRE AND HUMPHREY -- ALL OF WHOM HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE MATTER -- AND IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH EUR/SOV, LINDSAY SAYS HE WAS

QUESTIONED AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS ACQUAINTANCES IN THE SOVIET UNION. NAMES AND ADDRESSES WERE TAKEN FROM HIM AS WELL AS A LETTER TO A THIRD PARTY WHICH HE HAD AGREED TO MAIL FROM OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION. ALTHOUGH ATTEMPTED TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN IN VIOLATION OF SOVIET LAW, THIS WOULD NOT OBVIATE REQUIREMENT THAT SOVIETS ADHERE TO CONSULAR CONVENTION. LINDSAY SAYS HE DID NOT REPORT INCIDENT TO US AUTHORITIES EARLIER BECAUSE OF STERN WARNINGS FROM SOVIETS WHO QUESTIONED HIM NOT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH US OFFICIALS. FYI: LINDSAY SAYS HE HAS COMPLAINED NOW ONLY AFTER HEARING OF ARREST OF MUKHAMETSHIN. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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